

The Claims now have been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 2, the spelling of "thickness" has been corrected to read --- thicknesses ---; the words "carded chopped fibers, said carded, chopped" have been changed to --- selected filter ---; and after sizes "of", has been changed to --- with ---;

Claim 1, line 6, the words "carded chopped" have been deleted and after "calculated" the words --- including factors of relative thicknesses and relative pore sizes with an arrangement --- have been added;

Claim 1, line 7, after "smaller than" the word "the" has been deleted and the words --- that of the average overall --- substituted therefore;

Claim 1, line 8, the words "the combination of" have been deleted and the words --- that of the --- substituted therefore;

Claim 2, line 1, after "said" the words "carded, chopped" have been deleted and after "being", the words --- carded, chopped and --- have been added;

Claim 8, line 1, "carded, chopped" has been deleted;

Claim 10, line 2, "binders" has been corrected to --- binder --- ;

Claim 14, line 6, after "fibers", first appearance, a comma (,) has been added and "per cent", last appearance, has been corrected to read --- percent ---;

Claim 15, line 1, "thicknesse" has been corrected to read --- thickness ---;

Claim 18, line 10; Claim 19, line 12; and Claim 27, line 9, each appearance after "calculated", the words --- including factors of relative thicknesses and relative pore sizes with an arrangement ---, have been inserted; at line 11 of Claim 18; line 13 of Claim 19, each appearance, the words "of the combined" have been deleted and the words --- that of --- substituted; at Claim 18, line 11; Claim 19, line 14; and Claim 27, line 10, after "than", each

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